

# Package ‘GeomxTools’

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| aggregateCounts | <i>Aggregate probe counts to target level for feature data</i> |
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**Description**

Aggregate probe counts to target level for feature data

**Usage**

```
aggregateCounts(object, FUN = ngeoMean)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                    |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------|
| object | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object to aggregate |
| FUN    | function to use for count aggregation              |

**Value**

a NanoStringGeoMxSet object with targets as features

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
targetGeoMxSet <- aggregateCounts(demoData[,1:10])
```

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|           |                                                |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| as.Seurat | <i>Convert GeoMxSet Object to SeuratObject</i> |
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**Description**

Convert GeoMxSet Object to SeuratObject

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'NanoStringGeoMxSet'
as.Seurat(
  x,
  ident = NULL,
  normData = NULL,
  coordinates = NULL,
  forceRaw = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                                                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x           | An object to convert to class Seurat                                          |
| ident       | column in GeoMxSet segmentProperties to set as Seurat object's identity class |
| normData    | assay containing normalized data                                              |
| coordinates | X and Y coordinates of each ROI, format: c(X,Y)                               |
| forceRaw    | should raw data be forced into SeuratObject, not recommended                  |
| ...         | Arguments passed to other methods                                             |

**Value**

SeuratObject containing GeoMx data

**See Also**

[SeuratObject::as.Seurat](#)

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data", package = "GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))

target_demoData <- aggregateCounts(demoData[1:1000,1:10])

target_demoData <- normalize(target_demoData, "quant")

seurat_demoData <- as.Seurat(target_demoData, ident = "cell_line",
                             normData = "exprs_norm", forceRaw = FALSE)
```

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as.SpatialExperiment    *Convert Object to SpatialExperiment*

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**Description**

Convert Object to SpatialExperiment

Convert GeoMxSet Object to SpatialExperiment

**Usage**

```
as.SpatialExperiment(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'NanoStringGeoMxSet'
as.SpatialExperiment(
  x,
  normData = NULL,
  coordinates = NULL,
  forceRaw = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                                                   |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x           | GeoMxSet object to convert                                        |
| ...         | Arguments passed to other methods                                 |
| normData    | assay containing normalized data                                  |
| coordinates | X and Y coordinates of each ROI, format: c(X,Y)                   |
| forceRaw    | should raw data be forced into SpatialExperiment, not recommended |

**Value**

SpatialExperiment containing GeoMx data

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package = "GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))

target_demoData <- aggregateCounts(demoData[1:1000,1:10])

target_demoData <- normalize(target_demoData, "quant")

seurat_demoData <- as.SpatialExperiment(target_demoData,
                                         normData = "exprs_norm",
                                         forceRaw = FALSE)
```

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|              |                                                                                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| checkQCFlags | <i>Check QC Flags in the GeoMxSet and removes the probe or sample from the object</i> |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Check QC Flags in the GeoMxSet and removes the probe or sample from the object

**Usage**

```
checkQCFlags(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                             |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| object | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object to check the QC Flags |
| ...    | for other arguments                                         |

**Value**

a NanoStringGeoMxSet object probes and samples failing QC removed

**Examples**

```

datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
  package = "GeomxTools"
)
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
QCobject <- checkQCFlags(demoData)

```

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```

checkQCFlags,NanoStringGeoMxSet-method
  checkQCFlags

```

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**Description**

checkQCFlags

**Usage**

```

## S4 method for signature 'NanoStringGeoMxSet'
checkQCFlags(object, removeLowLocalOutliers = FALSE, ...)

```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                    |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object                 | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object to check the QC Flags        |
| removeLowLocalOutliers | logical, if TRUE it sets outlier counts to zero, default is FALSE, |
| ...                    | optional arguments                                                 |

**Value**

NanoStringGeoMxSet

**Examples**

```

datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
  package = "GeomxTools"
)
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
QCobject <- checkQCFlags(demoData)

```

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|                 |                                                          |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| compareToConfig | <i>Compare given PKC probes to probes in config file</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Check if extra PKCs are given based on probes in config file

**Usage**

```
compareToConfig(config, pkcProbes, pkcHeader)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| config    | file path to config file           |
| pkcProbes | probe information from readPKCFile |
| pkcHeader | pkc metadata from readPKCFile      |

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|                             |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| computeNormalizationFactors | <i>Generate normalization factors</i> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|

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**Description**

For use with protein data ONLY.

Generate normalization factors for protein data to determine the best normalization method

**Usage**

```
computeNormalizationFactors(  
  object,  
  igg.names = NULL,  
  hk.names = NULL,  
  area = NULL,  
  nuclei = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                               |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object    | name of the object class to subset<br>1. NanoStringGeoMxSet, use the NanoStringGeoMxSet class |
| igg.names | names of IgGs, if NULL IgGs will be detected automatically                                    |
| hk.names  | names of HK, if NULL HK will be detected automatically                                        |
| area      | name of area column in annotation sheet, optional                                             |
| nuclei    | name of nuclei column in annotation sheet, optional                                           |

**Examples**

```
proteinData <- readRDS(file= system.file("extdata", "DSP_Proteogenomics_Example_Data",
"proteinData.rds", package = "GeomxTools"))

normfactors <- computeNormalizationFactors(object = proteinData)

normfactors_withAreaNuclei <- computeNormalizationFactors(object = proteinData,
area = "AOI.Size.um2", nuclei = "Nuclei.Counts")
```

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|                    |                                                                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| countsShiftedByOne | <i>Accessor to check if "exprs" assDataElement was shifted by one</i> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Accessor to check if "exprs" assDataElement was shifted by one

**Usage**

```
countsShiftedByOne(object)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| object | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object |
|--------|---------------------------------------|

**Value**

boolean indicating if counts in default matrix were shifted by one

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
countsShiftedByOne(demoData)
```

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|         |                                                              |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| hkNames | <i>Return the House Keeper positive controls for protein</i> |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Return the House Keeper positive controls for protein

**Usage**

```
hkNames(object)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| object | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object |
|--------|---------------------------------------|

**Value**

names of HKs

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iggNames

*Return the IgG negative controls for protein*

---

**Description**

Return the IgG negative controls for protein

**Usage**

iggNames(object)

**Arguments**

object                      name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object

**Value**

names of IgGs

---

logtBase

*Get take the log of a numeric vector*

---

**Description**

Get take the log of a numeric vector

**Usage**

logtBase(x, thresh = 0.5, base = 2)

**Arguments**

x                              numeric vector  
thresh                        minimum numeric value greater than 0 to have in vector  
base                            numeric value indicating base to log with

**Value**

numeric vector with logged values

**Examples**

```
logtBase(c(0, 1, 2, 2), thresh=0.1, base=10)
```

mixedModelDE

*Run a mixed model on GeoMxSet***Description**

Run a mixed model on GeoMxSet

**Usage**

```
mixedModelDE(
  object,
  elt = "exprs",
  modelFormula = NULL,
  groupVar = "group",
  nCores = 1,
  multiCore = TRUE,
  pAdjust = "BY",
  pairwise = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                      |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object       | name of the object class to perform QC on<br>1. NanoStringGeoMxSet, use the NanoStringGeoMxSet class |
| elt          | assayDataElement of the geoMxSet object to run the DE on                                             |
| modelFormula | formula used in DE, if null, the design(object) is used                                              |
| groupVar     | = "group", sample annotation to group the data for comparing means                                   |
| nCores       | = 1, number of cores to use, set to 1 if running in serial mode                                      |
| multiCore    | = TRUE, set to TRUE to use multiCore, FALSE to run in cluster mode                                   |
| pAdjust      | = "BY" method for p-value adjustment                                                                 |
| pairwise     | boolean to calculate least-square means pairwise differences                                         |

**Value**

mixed model output list

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data", package = "GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
target_demoData <- aggregateCounts(demoData)
target_demoData <- normalize(target_demoData, norm_method="quant")
pData(target_demoData)[["slide"]] <-
  factor(pData(target_demoData)[["slide name"]])
protocolData(target_demoData)[["pool_rep"]] <-
  factor(protocolData(target_demoData)[["pool_rep"]])
mixedOutmc <- mixedModelDE(target_demoData,
  elt = "exprs_norm",
  modelFormula = ~ pool_rep + (1 | slide),
  groupVar = "pool_rep",
```

```

        nCores = 2,
        multiCore = TRUE,
        pAdjust = NULL
    )

```

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## NanoStringGeoMxSet-class

*Class to Contain NanoString Spatial Expression Level Assays*

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### Description

The NanoStringGeoMxSet class extends the [ExpressionSet](#) class for NanoString GeoMx Digital Count Conversion (DCC) data.

### Usage

```

NanoStringGeoMxSet(assayData,
                    phenoData=Biobase::annotatedDataFrameFrom(assayData, byrow=FALSE),
                    featureData=Biobase::annotatedDataFrameFrom(assayData, byrow=TRUE),
                    experimentData=Biobase::MIAME(),
                    annotation=character(),
                    protocolData=Biobase::annotatedDataFrameFrom(assayData, byrow=FALSE),
                    dimLabels=c("TargetName", "SampleID"),
                    signatures=SignatureSet(),
                    design=NULL,
                    featureType="Probe",
                    analyte="RNA",
                    ...)

```

### Arguments

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| assayData      | A matrix or environment containing the DCCs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| phenoData      | An <a href="#">AnnotatedDataFrame</a> containing the phenotypic data of areas of interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| featureData    | An <a href="#">AnnotatedDataFrame</a> containing target information; target name, accession number, functional groups, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| experimentData | An optional <a href="#">MIAME</a> instance with meta-data about the experiment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| annotation     | A character string for the PKC file(s).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| protocolData   | An <a href="#">AnnotatedDataFrame</a> containing meta-data about the protocol and sequencing; columns could include "FileVersion", "SoftwareVersion", "Date", "Plate_ID", "Well", "SeqSetId", "trimGaloreOpts", "flash2Opts", "umiExtractOpts", "boxtie2Opts", "Raw", "Trimmed", "Stitched", "Aligned", "umiQ30", "rtsQ30". |
| dimLabels      | A character vector of length 2 that provides the column names to use as labels for the features and samples respectively in the autoplot method.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| signatures     | An optional <a href="#">SignatureSet</a> object containing signature definitions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| design         | An optional one-sided formula representing the experimental design based on columns from <a href="#">phenoData</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| featureType    | A character string indicating if features are on "Probe" or "Target" level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| analyte        | A character string indicating if features are "RNA" or "Protein"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ...            | Additional arguments for <a href="#">ExpressionSet</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

**Value**

An S4 class containing data from a NanoString GeoMx experiment

**Updating**

Objects can be updated to current version using `updateGeoMxSet(object)`

**Accessing**

In addition to the standard [ExpressionSet](#) accessor methods, NanoStringGeoMxSet objects have the following:

`sData(object)` extracts the data.frame containing the sample data, `cbind(pData(object), pData(protocolData(object)))`.

`svarLabels(object)` extracts the sample data column names, `c(varLabels(object), varLabels(protocolData(object)))`.

`dimLabels(object)` extracts the column names to use as labels for the features and samples.

`dimLabels(object) <- value` replaces the dimLabels of the object.

`featureType(object)` extracts the featureType of the object.

`featureType(object) <- value` replaces the featureType of the object.

`signatures(object)` extracts the [SignatureSet](#) of the object.

`signatures(object) <- value` replaces the [SignatureSet](#) of the object.

`signatureScores(object, elt="exprs")` extracts the matrix of computed signature scores.

`design(object)` extracts the one-sided formula representing the experimental design based on columns from [phenoData](#).

`design(object) <- value` replaces the one-sided formula representing the experimental design based on columns from [phenoData](#).

`signatureGroups(object)` extract the groups of [SignatureSet](#).

`signatureGroups(object) <- value` replaces the groups of [SignatureSet](#).

`analyte(object)` extracts the analyte of the object.

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**See Also**

[readNanoStringGeoMxSet](#), [ExpressionSet](#)

**Examples**

```
# Create NanoStringGeoMxSet from data files
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
dccFiles <- dir(datadir, pattern=".dcc$", full.names=TRUE)
pkc <- unzip(zipfile = file.path(datadir, "pkcs.zip"))
sampleAnnotationFile <- file.path(datadir, "annotations.xlsx")

dccFileColumn <- "Sample_ID"

dccSet <- readNanoStringGeoMxSet(dccFiles=dccFiles,
```

```

pkcFiles=pkc,
phenoDataFile=sampleAnnotationFile,
phenoDataSheet="CW005",
phenoDataDccColName=dccFileColumn,
protocolDataColNames=c("aoi", "cell_line",
                        "roi_rep", "pool_rep",
                        "slide_rep"),
experimentDataColNames="panel",
phenoDataColPrefix="")

# Accessing sample data and column names
head(sData(dccSet))
svarLabels(dccSet)
featureType(dccSet)
analyte(dccSet)

# Accessing number of samples and features
dim(dccSet)

```

ngeoMean

*Get the geometric mean of a vector***Description**

Get the geometric mean of a vector

**Usage**

```
ngeoMean(x, thresh = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                        |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | numeric vector                                         |
| thresh | minimum numeric value greater than 0 to have in vector |

**Value**

numeric geometric mean of vector

**Examples**

```
ngeoMean(c(0, 1, 2, 2), thresh=0.1)
```

---

ngeoSD

*Get the geometric standard deviation of a vector*


---

### Description

Get the geometric standard deviation of a vector

### Usage

```
ngeoSD(x, thresh = 0.5)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                        |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | numeric vector                                         |
| thresh | minimum numeric value greater than 0 to have in vector |

### Value

numeric geometric standard deviation of vector

### Examples

```
ngeoSD(c(0, 1, 2, 2), thresh=0.1)
```

---

normalize,NanoStringGeoMxSet-method  
*normalize*


---

### Description

normalize GeoMxSet using different normalization methods

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'NanoStringGeoMxSet'
normalize(
  object,
  norm_method = c("quant", "neg", "hk", "subtractBackground"),
  fromElt = "exprs",
  toElt = "exprs_norm",
  housekeepers = HOUSEKEEPERS,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| object       | name of the object class to perform normalization on    |
| norm_method  | the normalization method to be applied on the object    |
| fromElt      | name of the assayDataElement to normalize               |
| toElt        | name of the assayDataElement to store normalized values |
| housekeepers | optional vector of housekeeper target names             |
| ...          | optional arguments                                      |

**Value**

a NanoStringGeoMxSet object with normalized counts and normalized factors

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
  package = "GeomxTools"
)
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
norm_object <- normalize(demoData[1:1000,1:10])
```

---

|                 |                                                                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| plotConcordance | <i>Generate concordance figure of targets based on user provided factors</i> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Upper panels are the concordance plot. Lower panels are the standard deviation of the log2-ratios between the targets

**Usage**

```
plotConcordance(targetList, object, plotFactor)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                               |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| targetList | names of targets to plot concordance, normally IgGs.                                          |
| object     | name of the object class to subset<br>1. NanoStringGeoMxSet, use the NanoStringGeoMxSet class |
| plotFactor | segment factor to color the plot by                                                           |

**Examples**

```
proteinData <- readRDS(file= system.file("extdata", "DSP_Proteogenomics_Example_Data",
  "proteinData.rds", package = "GeomxTools"))

igg.names <- iggNames(proteinData)

protSegTypeFig <- plotConcordance(targetList = igg.names, object = proteinData,
  plotFactor = "Segment_Type")

protSegTypeFig
```

---

plotNormFactorConcordance

*Generate concordance figure of normalization factors based on user provided factors*

---

### Description

For use with protein data ONLY.

Upper panels are the concordance plot. Lower panels are the standard deviation of the log2-ratios between the normalization factors

### Usage

```
plotNormFactorConcordance(object, plotFactor, normfactors = NULL)
```

### Arguments

|             |                                                                                                       |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object      | name of the object class to subset<br>1. NanoStringGeoMxSet, use the NanoStringGeoMxSet class         |
| plotFactor  | segment factor to color the plot by                                                                   |
| normfactors | normalization factors from computeNormalizationFactors(). If NULL these are calculated automatically. |

### Examples

```
proteinData <- readRDS(file= system.file("extdata", "DSP_Proteogenomics_Example_Data",
"proteinData.rds", package = "GeomxTools"))

normConcord <- plotNormFactorConcordance(object = proteinData, plotFactor = "Segment_Type")
normConcord
```

---

qcProteinSignal

*Generate Protein QC signal boxplot figure*

---

### Description

For use with protein data ONLY.

### Usage

```
qcProteinSignal(object, neg.names = NULL)
```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                                               |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object    | name of the object class to subset<br>1. NanoStringGeoMxSet, use the NanoStringGeoMxSet class |
| neg.names | names of IgGs, if NULL IgGs will be detected automatically                                    |

**Value**

figure function

**Examples**

```
proteinData <- readRDS(file= system.file("extdata", "DSP_Proteogenomics_Example_Data",
"proteinData.rds", package = "GeomxTools"))

igg.names <- iggNames(proteinData)

qcFig <- qcProteinSignal(object = proteinData, neg.names = igg.names)

qcFig()
```

---

qcProteinSignalNames    *Generate list of proteins ordered by SNR*

---

**Description**

For use with protein data ONLY.

**Usage**

```
qcProteinSignalNames(object, neg.names)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                            |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| object    | name of the object class to subset                         |
|           | 1. NanoStringGeoMxSet, use the NanoStringGeoMxSet class    |
| neg.names | names of IgGs, if NULL IgGs will be detected automatically |

**Value**

protein names in increasing SNR order

**Examples**

```
proteinData <- readRDS(file= system.file("extdata", "DSP_Proteogenomics_Example_Data",
"proteinData.rds", package = "GeomxTools"))

igg.names <- iggNames(proteinData)

proteinOrder <- qcProteinSignalNames(object = proteinData, neg.names = igg.names)
```

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readDccFile

*Read DCC File*


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### Description

Read a NanoString GeoMx Digital Count Conversion (DCC) file.

### Usage

```
readDccFile(file)
```

### Arguments

`file`                      A character string containing the path to the DCC file.

### Value

A list object with two elements:

"Header"                      a `data.frame` object containing the protocol and sequencing information.

"Code\_Summary"                a `data.frame` object containing the target probe counts.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[readNanoStringGeoMxSet](#)

### Examples

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
  package="GeomxTools")
dccFiles <- dir(datadir, pattern=".dcc$", full.names=TRUE)
dccData <- sapply(dccFiles[1:10], readDccFile, simplify = FALSE)
```

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readNanoStringGeoMxSet

*Read 'NanoStringGeoMxSet'*


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### Description

Create an instance of class [NanoStringGeoMxSet](#) by reading data from NanoString GeoMx Digital Count Conversion (DCC) data.

**Usage**

```
readNanoStringGeoMxSet(dccFiles, pkcFiles, phenoDataFile,
                        phenoDataSheet, phenoDataDccColName = "Sample_ID",
                        phenoDataColPrefix = "", protocolDataColNames = NULL,
                        experimentDataColNames = NULL,
                        configFile = NULL, analyte = "RNA",
                        defaultPKCVersions = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dccFiles               | A character vector containing the paths to the DCC files.                                                                                                                      |
| pkcFiles               | A character vector representing the path to the corresponding PKC file.                                                                                                        |
| phenoDataFile          | Character string representing the path to the corresponding phenotypic excel data file. It is recommended to use the Lab Worksheet in the exact order samples are provided in. |
| phenoDataSheet         | Character string representing the excel sheet name containing the phenotypic data.                                                                                             |
| phenoDataDccColName    | Character string identifying unique sample identifier column in phenoDataFile.                                                                                                 |
| phenoDataColPrefix     | An optional prefix to add to the phenoData column names to distinguish them from the names of assayData matrices, featureData columns, and protocolData columns.               |
| protocolDataColNames   | Character list of column names from phenoDataFile containing data about the experimental protocol or sequencing data.                                                          |
| experimentDataColNames | Character list of column names from phenoDataFile containing data about the experiment's meta-data.                                                                            |
| configFile             | An optional character string representing the path to the corresponding config file. This is used to ensure the only the correct PKC files are added                           |
| analyte                | GeoMxSet objects can only hold one analyte at a time. For studies with multiple analytes, which one should be read in? Options: RNA (default) and Protein                      |
| defaultPKCVersions     | Optional list of pkc file names to use as default if more than one pkc version of each module is provided.                                                                     |
| ...                    | Optional parameters to pass to readxl::read_xlsx function for annotation read in                                                                                               |

**Value**

An instance of the [NanoStringGeoMxSet](#) class.

**Author(s)**

Zhi Yang & Nicole Ortogero

**See Also**

[NanoStringGeoMxSet](#)

**Examples**

```
# Data file paths
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
dccFiles <- dir(datadir, pattern=".dcc$", full.names=TRUE)
pkc <- unzip(zipfile = file.path(datadir, "/pkcs.zip"))
sampleAnnotationFile <- file.path(datadir, "annotations.xlsx")

dccFileColumn <- "Sample_ID"

dccSet <- readNanoStringGeoMxSet(dccFiles=dccFiles[1:10],
                                pkcFiles=pkc,
                                phenoDataFile=sampleAnnotationFile,
                                phenoDataSheet="CW005",
                                phenoDataDccColName=dccFileColumn,
                                protocolDataColNames=c("aoi", "cell_line",
                                                         "roi_rep", "pool_rep",
                                                         "slide_rep"),
                                experimentDataColNames="panel",
                                phenoDataColPrefix="")

# All data
dccSet <- readNanoStringGeoMxSet(dccFiles, pkcFile = pkc,
                                phenoDataFile = sampleAnnotationFile,
                                phenoDataSheet="CW005")

varLabels(dccSet)

# All data with phenoData prefix
dccSetPhenoPrefix <- readNanoStringGeoMxSet(dccFiles,
                                             pkcFile = pkc,
                                             phenoDataFile = sampleAnnotationFile,
                                             phenoDataSheet="CW005",
                                             phenoDataColPrefix = "PHENO_")

varLabels(dccSetPhenoPrefix)
```

readPKCFile

*Read PKC File***Description**

Read a NanoString Probe Kit Configuration (PKC) file.

**Usage**

```
readPKCFile(file, default_pkc_vers=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                                                                                            |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| file             | A character string containing the path to the PKC file.                                                    |
| default_pkc_vers | Optional list of pkc file names to use as default if more than one pkc version of each module is provided. |

**Value**

An instance of the [DataFrame](#) class containing columns:

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| "RTS_ID"     | unique probe ID     |
| "TargetName" | target or gene name |
| "Module"     | PKC name            |
| "Negative"   | negative probe      |
| ...          | additional columns  |

**Author(s)**

Zhi Yang & Nicole Ortogero

**See Also**

[readNanoStringGeoMxSet](#)

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
pkc <- unzip(zipfile = file.path(datadir, "/pkcs.zip"))
PKCData <- readPKCFile(pkc)
```

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|                      |                                                                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| setBackgroundQCFlags | <i>Add background QC flags to NanoStringGeoMxSet object protocol data</i> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Add background QC flags to NanoStringGeoMxSet object protocol data

**Usage**

```
setBackgroundQCFlags(object, qcCutoffs = DEFAULTS)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object    | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object to perform QC on                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| qcCutoffs | a list of qc cutoffs to use <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. minNegativeCount, numeric to flag segments with less than this number of counts</li> <li>2. maxNTCCount, numeric to flag segments with more than this number of NTC counts</li> </ol> |

**Value**

NanoStringGeoMxSet object with QCFlags data frame appended to protocolData

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
setBackgroundQCFlags(demoData[,1:10],
                    qcCutoffs=list(minNegativeCount=10,
                                   maxNTCCCount=60))
```

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|                    |                                                                     |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| setBioProbeQCFlags | <i>Add probe QC flags to NanoStringGeoMxSet object feature data</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Add probe QC flags to NanoStringGeoMxSet object feature data

**Usage**

```
setBioProbeQCFlags(object, qcCutoffs = DEFAULTS, removeLocalOutliers = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object              | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object to perform QC on                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| qcCutoffs           | a list of qc cutoffs to use <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. minProbeRatio, numeric between 0 and 1 to flag probes that have (geomean probe in all segments) / (geomean probes within target) less than or equal to this ratio</li> <li>2. percentFailGrubbs, numeric to flag probes that fail Grubb's test in greater than or equal this percent of segments</li> </ol> |
| removeLocalOutliers | boolean to determine if local outliers should be excluded from exprs matrix                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Value**

NanoStringGeoMxSet object with QCFlags data frame appended to protocolData

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
demoData <- shiftCountsOne(demoData, elt="exprs", useDALogic=TRUE)
setBioProbeQCFlags(demoData[,1:10],
                    qcCutoffs=list(minProbeRatio=0.1,
                                   percentFailGrubbs=20),
                    removeLocalOutliers=TRUE)
```

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|                 |                                                                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| setGeoMxQCFlags | <i>Add GeoMx segment QC flags to NanoStringGeoMxSet object protocol data</i> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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### Description

Add GeoMx segment QC flags to NanoStringGeoMxSet object protocol data

### Usage

```
setGeoMxQCFlags(object, qcCutoffs = DEFAULTS)
```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object    | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object to perform QC on                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| qcCutoffs | a list of qc cutoffs to use <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. minNuclei, numeric to flag segments with less than this number of nuclei</li> <li>2. minArea, numeric to flag segments with less than this <math>\mu\text{m}^2</math> area</li> </ol> |

### Value

NanoStringGeoMxSet object with QCFlags data frame appended to protocolData

### Examples

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
setGeoMxQCFlags(demoData[,1:10],
                qcCutoffs=list(minNuclei=16000,
                              minArea=20))
```

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|                                      |                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| setQCFlags,NanoStringGeoMxSet-method | <i>Add QC flags to feature and protocol data simultaneously</i> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|

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### Description

Add QC flags to feature and protocol data simultaneously

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'NanoStringGeoMxSet'
setQCFlags(object, qcCutoffs = DEFAULTS, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                                      |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object    | name of the object class to perform QC on<br>1. NanoStringGeoMxSet, use the NanoStringGeoMxSet class |
| qcCutoffs | list of cutoffs and thresholds to use for QC                                                         |
| ...       | optional parameters to pass                                                                          |

**Value**

the object that QC was performed on

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
setQCFlags(demoData[,1:10])
```

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|                   |                                              |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| setSegmentQCFlags | <i>Add segment QC flags to protocol data</i> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Add segment QC flags to protocol data

**Usage**

```
setSegmentQCFlags(object, qcCutoffs = DEFAULTS)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                                      |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object    | name of the object class to perform QC on<br>1. NanoStringGeoMxSet, use the NanoStringGeoMxSet class |
| qcCutoffs | list of cutoffs and thresholds to use for QC                                                         |

**Value**

NanoStringGeoMxSet object with QCFlags data frame appended to protocolData

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
setSegmentQCFlags(demoData[,1:10],
                  qcCutoffs=list(minSegmentReads=1000,
                                percentAligned=80,
                                percentSaturation=50,
                                minNegativeCount=10,
                                maxNTCCCount=60,
                                minNuclei=16000,
                                minArea=20))
```

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|               |                                                                           |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| setSeqQCFlags | <i>Add sequencing QC flags to NanoStringGeoMxSet object protocol data</i> |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Add sequencing QC flags to NanoStringGeoMxSet object protocol data

**Usage**

```
setSeqQCFlags(object, qcCutoffs = DEFAULTS)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object    | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object to perform QC on                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| qcCutoffs | a list of qc cutoffs to use <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. minSegmentReads, numeric to flag segments with less than this number of reads</li> <li>2. percentAligned, numeric to flag segments with less than this percent of aligned reads</li> <li>3. percentSaturation, numeric to flag segments with less than this percent of sequencing saturation</li> </ol> |

**Value**

NanoStringGeoMxSet object with QCFlags data frame appended to protocolData

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
  package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
setSeqQCFlags(demoData[,1:10],
  qcCutoffs=list(minSegmentReads=1000,
    percentAligned=80,
    percentSaturation=50))
```

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|                |                                                      |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| shiftCountsOne | <i>Add one to all counts in an expression matrix</i> |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Add one to all counts in an expression matrix

**Usage**

```
shiftCountsOne(object, elt = "exprs", useDALogic = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object     | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object                                                          |
| elt        | expression matrix element in assayDataElement to shift all counts by                           |
| useDALogic | boolean to use the same logic in DA (impute 0s to 1s) or set to FALSE to shift all counts by 1 |

**Value**

object of NanoStringGeoMxSet class

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
  package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
shiftCountsOne(demoData)
```

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|                    |                                               |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| summarizeNegatives | <i>Calculate negative probe summary stats</i> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Calculate negative probe summary stats

**Usage**

```
summarizeNegatives(object, functionList = c())
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object       | name of the NanoStringGeoMxSet object to summarize                                                                                           |
| functionList | optional list of additional functions to calculate negative probe stats, list element names should correspond to expected stat column header |

**Value**

a NanoStringGeoMxSet object with negative probe summary stats appended to sample data

**Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
  package="GeomxTools")
demoData <- readRDS(file.path(datadir, "/demoData.rds"))
demoData <-
  summarizeNegatives(demoData,
    functionList=c(mean=mean, min=min, max=max))
```

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|                |                                                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| updateGeoMxSet | <i>Update GeoMxSet object to current version</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Update GeoMxSet object to current version

**Usage**

```
updateGeoMxSet(object)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                           |
|--------|---------------------------|
| object | GeoMxSet object to update |
|--------|---------------------------|

**Value**

updated GeoMxSet object

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|                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| writeNanoStringGeoMxSet | <i>write 'NanoStringGeoMxSet'</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|

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**Description**

Take an instance of class [NanoStringGeoMxSet](#) and write NanoString GeoMx Digital Count Conversion (DCC) data.

**Usage**

```
writeNanoStringGeoMxSet(x, dir = getwd())
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                             |
|-----|---------------------------------------------|
| x   | A NanoStringGeoMxSet object.                |
| dir | A directory path to save all the DCC files. |

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[NanoStringGeoMxSet](#)

**Examples**

```
# Data file paths
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "DSP_NGS_Example_Data",
                      package="GeomxTools")
dccFiles <- dir(datadir, pattern=".dcc$", full.names=TRUE)
pkc <- unzip(zipfile = file.path(datadir, "/pkcs.zip"))
sampleAnnotationFile <- file.path(datadir, "annotations.xlsx")

dccFileColumn <- "Sample_ID"

dccSet <- readNanoStringGeoMxSet(dccFiles=dccFiles,
                                pkcFiles=pkc,
                                phenoDataFile=sampleAnnotationFile,
                                phenoDataSheet="CW005",
                                phenoDataDccColName=dccFileColumn,
                                protocolDataColNames=c("aoi", "cell_line",
                                                         "roi_rep", "pool_rep",
                                                         "slide_rep"),
                                experimentDataColNames="panel",
                                phenoDataColPrefix="")

# All data
writeNanoStringGeoMxSet(dccSet)
```

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